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The following is my input regarding the DOJ settlement proposal for the Microsoft lawsuit.

I have been in the software industry for about 20 years. I use Microsoft products both at my work and personally.

Microsoft is one of the greatest companies ever created in the world. Their dominance - achieved by hard work, innovation, and marketing skill - is a great boon to the PC and software industries: a common OS, and applications that work seamlessly is very, very important to have.

If Microsoft does not innovate and produce quality products, it will become irrelevant and disappear, like so many other software and hardware manufacturers.

We the people buy Microsoft products because we want to: unlike the government, Microsoft cannot compel us to hand over our money to them on pain of jail.

DOJ must not hamper Microsoft's ability to innovate.

DOJ must stop wasting our tax money on a frivolous lawsuit brought on by petty and jealous Microsoft competitors, and presided over by a biased judge.

DOJ's lawsuit against Microsoft triggered the slide in the tech market which eventually turned into a crash: average Americans lost \$billions in equity, because of DOJ misadventures.

It is well past time to stop harassing Microsoft, a great American asset, and settle the suit ASAP.

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